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SUBJECT: ECEVIT VISIT TO MOSCOW: SOVIET POSITION ON THE CYPRUS
INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS

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1. IN CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF JUNE 30, INAL BATU, MFA
DIRECTOR DESIGNATE FOR GREEK-CYPRIOT AFFAIRS, SAID THAT
TURKS THEMSELVES WERE NOT CLEAR AS TO WHAT SIGNIFICANCE
TO ATTACH TO LANGUAGE ON CYPRUS IN THEIR RECENT JOINT
COMMUNIQUE WITH THE SOVIETS. BATU SAID THIS PASSAGE
HAD BEEN SUBJECT OF HEATED AND LENGTHY NEGOTIATIONS
IN MOSCOW AND AGREEMENT WAS NOT REACHED UNTIL 3 O'CLOCK
IN THE MORNING. SOVIETS OBVIOUSLY HAD MADE DECISION AT THE
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BREZHNEV-KOSYGIN LEVEL TO DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO
MAKE THE ECEVIT VISIT A SUCCESS. THEREFORE, ACCEPTANCE
OF BASICALLY PRO-TURKISH LANGUAGE ON CYPRUS MAY SIMPLY
HAVE REFLECTED OVERRIDING SOVIET DESIRE FOR A SUCCESSFUL
ECEVIT VISIT RATHER THAN FUNDAMENTAL CHANGE IN SOVIET
APPROACH TO CYPRUS PROBLEM. BATU SAID THAT KYPRIANOU
WAS EXPECTED IN MOSCOW SHORTLY AND THAT TURKS WOULD

BE WATCHING CLOSELY TO SEE WHETHER SOVIETS CHANGED
THEIR TUNE.

2. REGARDING MEETING OF GREEK AND TURKISH FOREIGN SECRETARIES
JULY 4 AND 5, BATU SAID THE TURKS HAD UNTIL YESTERDAY
ASSUMED THAT THE GREEKS WOULD AVOID ANY DETAILED
DISCUSSION OF CYPRUS. YESTERDAY, HOWEVER, THE GREEK
AMBASSADOR, ALEXANDRE DEMETROPOULOS, TOOK THE OCCASION
OF A ROUTINE CALL AT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY TO ENGAGE IN
A 45-MINUTE ATTACK ON THE TURKISH-CYPRIOT PROPOSALS.
SINCE DEMETROPOULOS CONCENTRATED HIS FIRE ON THE
CONSTITUTIONAL ASPECTS OF THESE PROPOSALS, BATU
SPECULATES THAT THE GREEKS MAY HAVE ACCEPTED REALITY
OF TURKISH FLEXIBILITY ON TERRITORIAL ISSUE AND MAY
NOW BE PROBING TO SEE WHETHER SIMILAR FLEXIBILITY MAY
EXIST ON CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES. HE ADDED THAT TURKS
WOULD WELCOME DISCUSSION OF CYPRUS IF GREEK SIDE IS WILLING.

3. COMMENT: WE DO NOT HAVE COPIES OF PREVIOUS SOVIET-TURKISH
COMMUNIQUE IN OUR FILES BUT ACCEPT AS FACT REPORTS FROM
VARIOUS SOURCES THAT CYPRUS LANGUAGE HAS REMAINED RELATIVELY
UNCHANGED FOR LAST SEVERAL YEARS. IT SEEMS SIGNIFICANT
TO US, HOWEVER, THAT POLITICAL CONTEXT HAS RADICALLY ALTERED,
SO THAT SOVIET ENDORSEMENT OF INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS AT THIS
TIME SEEMS TO US TO INVOLVE A QUITE REMARKABLE ACCOMMODATION
OF TURKISH VIEWS.
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